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ISRO- ESA AGREEMENT IN SPACE SECTOR
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Will the Minister of SPACE be pleased to state:

(a) whether ISRO has entered into an agreement with the European Space Agency for participation in their space-based navigation system, Galileo;

(b) if so, the details of the said agreement;

(c) whether ISRO is also planning to launch its own satellites for augmenting the navigation signals received from Galileo; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER`S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN):

(a) India has initialled a Framework Agreement with European Community and its Member States in September 2005 with the intention of participation in the European Galileo system, which is under development for satellite based navigation services. However, the agreement can be signed only after all the European Union countries give their acceptance.

(b) The scope of cooperation includes space and ground segments, user receiver and application software and related commercial activities.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.